

ObamaCare with its unworkable mandates and negative effects on the economy, so now President Obama does not have the authority to pick and choose which parts of the law to enforce or to ignore. His constitutional duty is to execute law as it is since the original ObamaCare legislation was passed by both Houses of a Democrat-controlled Congress. If the Senate fails to approve these delays, they will be allowing President Obama to sidestep the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot allow President Obama to continue ignoring the Constitution. Congress is required to act. Law cannot be changed by a monarch via a blog post. We need to help the American people by delaying these unworkable mandates. In June, a report showed that we had lost 240,000 full-time jobs in this country. In North Carolina, they reported that health care premiums will go up 284 percent. The American people deserve better.

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BENEFITS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, western New York has long distinguished itself as a leader in innovation and cutting-edge medical research. Buffalo gave the world cancer research when the New York Cancer Laboratory was first established by Dr. Roswell Park in 1897. Today, the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus continues to grow and thrive with the expansion of Roswell Park, plans for the University of Buffalo Medical School, and construction of a new women and children's hospital.

I'm pleased to say that today western New Yorkers continue to receive good news about the availability and accessibility of health care. Yesterday, The New York Times reported that New York State health insurance purchased through the State exchanges will reduce insurance rates by at least 50 percent. Additionally, thanks to the Affordable Care Act, 37,000 kids with pre-existing conditions will not be denied coverage because by law they can't be denied coverage.

Mr. Speaker, health care should be affordable and accessible to all Americans. The progress we have already seen is promising, and we must keep moving forward.

THE ALEXIS AGIN IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2013

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for the last 30 years, Social Security has been required to make personal information of deceased Americans public through the so-called "Death Master File."

Unfortunately, identity thieves use this file to steal Americans' identities and obtain fraudulent tax returns. Worse, the criminals target deceased children like 4-year-old Alexis Agin who's right here, whose family joins us today in the balcony.

Worrying about the stolen identity of a loved one is the last thing a grieving family should do. I salute the Agins for their tireless advocacy, and I thank you.

Today, I humbly join their efforts by introducing the Alexis Agin Identity Theft Protection Act with my Democrat colleague and ranking member on Social Security, XAVIER BECERRA. This commonsense bipartisan bill will protect families, prevent further abuse of taxpayer dollars; and it's time to stop the public sale of the Death Master File.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of Alexis Agin, I urge my colleagues to join us and get this bill signed into law.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to refrain from referring to occupants of the gallery.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM GRAY

(Ms. WILSON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I stand this morning to recognize the passing of Congressman William Gray, a man for all seasons.

An ardent tennis advocate, he expired at Wimbledon, still racing towards his lifetime passion of tennis. He was funeralized in Philadelphia on Saturday where dozens of Members of Congress attended and President William Clinton spoke of his wonderful and brilliant legacy.

Today, his wife, Andrea, and sons, William, Justin, and Andrew, are visiting Capitol Hill. They attended the 95th birthday celebration of President Nelson Mandela.

Congressman Gray, who retired to my hometown of Miami-Dade County, was an accomplished gentleman, and his name will live forever in the hearts and minds of Congress and the millions of students he literally saved when he was president of the United Negro College Fund.

May he rest in peace.

THE STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

(Mr. MARCHANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 5, the Student Success Act.

I have heard often from educators about the urgent need to remove many Federal mandates that create needless barriers to educate our children. The legislation the House will consider goes

a long way to restoring State and local control in how best to educate our children.

I appreciate the support of teachers, administrators, charter schools, and school board members in my district that strongly advocate for the reforms in this bill that will allow States to control the accountability decisions rather than unaccountable bureaucrats in Washington that are far removed from the classroom. This bill gives State and local school districts maximum flexibility to improve their schools rather than be caught in a one-size-fits-all bureaucracy.

I thank Chairman KLINE and my fellow members of the Education and Workforce Committee for their hard work on this legislation, and I urge its passage.

SUPPORT AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FUNDING

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, we know that before-school, after-school, and summer learning programs are successful activities that provide safe places that millions of students and parents can rely upon.

I'm very concerned about keeping the students in my district safe and out of trouble. In mid-Michigan and around the Nation, time spent out of school is often prime time for bad choices that can lead to juvenile crime; yet countless studies have shown that kids involved in after-school and summer programs are less likely to be perpetrators or victims of crime, less likely to drink or use drugs, less likely to join gangs.

Unfortunately, legislation that is set to be considered this week in the House could lead to over a million students losing access to these opportunities. Students in Michigan benefit from these after-school programs through mentors, tutoring, through cultural and fine arts activities.

We should be expanding support for these programs and for funding for these programs, not cutting them or putting them in block grants as a means of reducing support.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this legislation that's set to come before the House this week.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL THOMAS MOE

(Mr. STIVERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true American hero for his dedicated public service, Tom Moe, who is a colonel in the Air Force and is from Lancaster, Ohio. He's retiring after 46 years of service to our Nation and our State.

While in the Vietnam war, serving in the United States Air Force, he endured 5 years of torture and isolation